



#18
RECEIVED
DEC 21 2001
TECH CENTER 1600/290

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

CHATTERJEE, Deb K.

Appl. No. 09/229,173

Filed: January 13, 1999

For: **Cloned DNA Polymerases From
Thermotoga maritima and
Mutants Thereof**

Art Unit: 1652

Examiner: Hutson, R.

Atty. Docket: 0942.2800008/RWE/RCM/GLL

Petition For Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(1)

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

A request for a one month extension of time, extending the period for replying to the outstanding Office Action from October 30, 2001, to November 30, 2001, was filed on November 21, 2001. It is hereby requested that the period for replying to the outstanding Office Action be extended one additional month from November 30, 2001, to December 30, 2001, by the filing of this Petition and fee payment.

The petition fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)) is believed to be \$290.00 for the second month of a two month extension for a large entity. Fee payment is provided in our accompanying Check No. 33460. However, if extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 other than those provided herewith are required to prevent abandonment of the present patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

STERNE, KESSLER, GOLDSTEIN & FOX P.L.L.C.

Gaby L. Longworth

Gaby L. Longworth, Ph.D.
Agent for Applicant
Registration No. 47,756

12/19/2001 MGE BREM1 00000055 09229173

02 FC:116

290.00 OP

Date: December 18, 2001
1100 New York Avenue, N.W.
Suite 600
Washington, D.C. 20005-3934
(202) 371-2600